under the jurisdiction of Bhopal Region, was placed under suspension. He was attached to Kendriya Vidyalaya Burkuhi in the interest of students as well as KVS to avoid disgrace to all concerned as the activities indulged by him at Bhopal was vitiating the atmosphere of the Vidyalaya. His suspension has since been revoked with effect from 1st November, 2001.

(c) Does not arise.

Awards for literacy work in A.P.

976. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of districts which received special awards for literacy work in Andhra Pradesh in 2000-2001;

(b) the names of districts in the State which received awards for literacy work in 1999-2000;

(c) the criteria for assessing such work by the district authorities;

(d) whether the awards are given to individual officers; and

(e) the details of such awards, etc. given by the Literacy Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh was awarded a "Certificate of Appreciation" for performing commendably in the field of adult literacy.

(b) No district of Andhra Pradesh has received any award for literacy work in 1999-2000.

(c) The criteria for selection of West Godavari by the National Literacy Mission was increase in overall literacy rate including female literacy during the decade 1991—2001, as per Census, 2001 (Provisional).

(d) The awards are given to the best performing districts.

(e) In the year 2001, the following awards were given by National Literacy Mission:

(1) Decadal Achievement Awards.

(2) Certificates of Appreciation.
(3) Satyen Maitra Memorial National Literacy Awards—2001.
(4) UNESCO-NLM Awards—2001.

Payment to EDCIL by KVS

†977. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 667, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd November, 2001 and state:

(a) whether permission of the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was obtained for additional payment of Education Consultants India Limited (EDCIL) with regard to work order given to this instrumentality for recruiting teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas during 1999-2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Permission of Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is not required in such matters.

Computer education as fundamental right

†978. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to make the computer education compulsory in the fundamental right of education to children in the age-group of six to fourteen years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by Government, so far, for expansion of computer education in Government schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) No, Sir.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.